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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of :
CROOK, Teresa Barbara et al :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/04748 :
Filed in the RO/US on 03 March 1999 :
Entitled: SKIN CARE COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

2. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the inorganic matting agent is present at a level of from about 0.1 to about 2.5%.

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3. The composition of Claim 2 wherein the inorganic matting agent is a silicone coated titanium dioxide.

4. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the inorganic matting agent is a titanium dioxide in its anatase form.

5. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises a safe and effective amount of an active effective for chronically regulating skin condition selected from Vitamin B3 compounds, retinoids, and mixtures thereof.

8. The composition of Claim 7 which comprises from 0.1% to 15 of the active.

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9. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the particles of the organic particulate material are porous particles.

10. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the particles of the organic particulate material are porous, nylon particles having a volume average particle size in the range of from about 15 to about 25 μm.